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In re Application of: M. EGAWA, et al.

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Art Unit: 1619

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Examiner: A. Berman

For: Composition For External Use For Prevention Of Environmental

Stress

AMENDMENT

BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the official Office Action mailed June 6, 2001, in the matter of the above-identified application, kindly amend the same as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly rewrite claim 17 as follows:

Please substitute the amended Claim 17 for the original Claim

17.

A method of preventing environmental stress 17. (Amended) due to exposure of skin to automobile exhaust gases, comprising applying to the skin a liniment comprising thiotaurine.

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SIR:

TRANSMITTED HEREWITH IS AN [X] AMENDMENT, [] REPLY, [] RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT IN THE ABOVE-IDENTIFIED APPLICATION.

- Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted. []
- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed. []
- No additional fee is required. [X]

THE FEE HAS BEEN CALCULATED AS SHOWN BELOW:

CLAIMS	REMAINING AFTER AMENDENT		HIGH.# PREV. PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	SMALL ENTITY RATE ADD'L FEE	OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY RATE ADD'L FEE
TOTAL	4	MINUS	19	= 0	X9=\$	X18=\$0
INDEP.	2	MINUS	3	= 0	X39=\$	X78=\$0

[] FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM		+130=\$	+260=\$
	TOTAL ADD'L FEE		-0-

- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any [X] overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-1424. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.
 - Any additional filing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims.
 - Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17.
 - Any extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.17.
- [] Please charge my deposit account No. 20-1424 in the amount of \$
- [] A check in the amount \$ -0- is attached.

Date: July 23, 2001

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